



Regional Service Council Minutes

Region # 18

Meeting Date: 8/25/06

Meeting Location:

Council Members Present:

John Barksdale
Jim Miller
Joan Kelley
John Kaiser
Judge H.L. Whitis
Susan Long.
Linda Miller

Council Members Absent:

Judge Terrence Cody
Judge Robert Bennett
Kim Grantz

Others In Attendance:

Nancy Lambring
Elizabeth Wilson
Rick Hurst
Jo Chumney
Pam Cotton
Kim Kirchner

Meeting Minutes

Meeting Called to Order at: 1:05 PM

1. Community Partners for Child Safety: New Hope Services is now accepting referrals Region wide for this Program. New Pamphlet was distributed. Steering Committee is being developed. New Hope does have some concerns about the contract. The primary concern is in regard to

administrative expenses. Regional Manager is working with New Hope and Central Office to resolve these issues.

2. Foster Care/Respite Care Funding: Linda Miller indicated that she has been informed that foster parents will no longer be eligible to receive respite funding via the Medicaid waiver program. Previously foster parents were eligible to receive respite waivers for autistic children. She indicates that this makes it very difficult for foster parents and puts placements at risk of disruption. Linda also reminded RSC that eligible children should be enrolled in the waiver programs as early as possible. At this time there is a long wait for waiver slots to become open.
3. Local Office Budgets: This was deferred to the next meeting. At that time local County Councils should have approved all County Councils.
4. Status of Contracts: Regional Service Council was advised that most contracts have yet to be approved and that local office budgets may have to pay for some services until the contracts are approved.
5. Voluntary Services: The power point viewed at the Child Welfare Team meeting in July was reviewed.
6. Practice Reform: An update on where Region 18 is at in the Practice Reform effort was given.
7. *Intensive family reunification Services: John Barksdale indicated that some providers of this service are concern about the amount they will have available for the upcoming year and how they will receive referrals and keep staff performance at a level high enough to break even. General discussion about how a local office Director will have to monitor referrals and expenses.*

Next Meeting Date, Location and Time: Clark County DCS. September 22, 2006. 1:00 P.M.

Meeting Adjourned at: 3:20 P.M.